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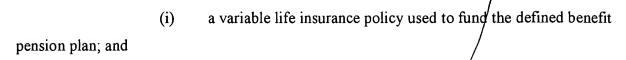
What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented data-processing method for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable life insurance contracts, the method comprising:

(a) entering, via at least one user interface, actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan;

(b) based on the actuarial data, electronically generating a variable life insurance policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(c) electronically generating a separate agreement that extra-contractually modifies the variable life insurance policy.

2. A computer-implemented data-processing method for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable life insurance contracts, the method comprising:

(a) entering, via at least one user interface, actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan;

(b) based on the actuarial data, electronically generating a variable life insurance policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(c) electronically generating a separate agreement that defines the terms under which the variable life insurance policy is to be used in the defined benefit pension plan.

3. A computer-implemented data-processing method for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable annuity contracts, the method comprising:

(a) entering, via at least one user interface, actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan;

(b) based on the actuarial data, electronically generating a variable annuity policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(c) electronically generating a separate agreement that extra-contractually modifies the variable annuity policy.

4. A computer-implemented data-processing method for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable annuity contracts, the method comprising:

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(a)   entering, via at least one user interface, actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan;

(b)   based on the actuarial data, electronically generating a variable annuity policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(c)   electronically generating a separate agreement that defines the terms under which the variable annuity policy is to be used in the defined benefit pension plan.

5.   A computer-implemented data-processing method for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using at least one of life insurance contracts and annuity contracts, the method comprising:

(a)   entering, via at least one user interface, actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan;

(b)   based on the actuarial data, electronically generating at least one policy selected from the group including a life insurance policy and an annuity policy, the selected policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(c)   electronically generating a separate agreement that extra-contractually modifies the selected policy.

6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising:

(d)   determining a negotiated guaranteed rate of return for the defined benefit pension plan.

7.   The method of claim 6, further comprising:

(e)   determining, after a predetermined period of time, whether earnings based on funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan exceed the guaranteed rate of return, and if so, setting an "actual earnings" parameter to determine future contributions to the defined benefit pension plan.

8.   The method of claim 5, wherein the life insurance policy is a variable life insurance policy and the annuity policy is a variable annuity policy.
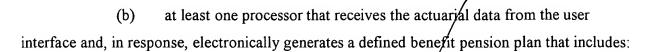
9.   The method of claim 5, further comprising:

(d) electronically generating a software illustration associated with the selected policy based on information received from at least one remotely located processor that processed the actuarial data.

10. The method of claim 5, wherein the defined benefit pension plan is a variable 412(i) defined benefit pension plan which includes the selected policy and the separate agreement.

11. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

(d) allocating funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan between a General Account and a Variable Account.

12. A computer-implemented data-processing method for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using at least one of life insurance contracts and annuity contracts, the method comprising:

(a) entering, via at least one user interface, actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan;

(b) based on the actuarial data, electronically generating at least one policy selected from the group including a life insurance policy and an annuity policy, the selected policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(c) electronically generating a separate agreement that defines the terms under which the selected policy is to be used in the defined benefit pension plan.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:

(d) determining a negotiated guaranteed rate of return for the defined benefit pension plan.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

(e) determining, after a predetermined period of time, whether earnings based on funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan exceed the guaranteed rate of return, and if so, setting an "actual earnings" parameter to determine future contributions to the defined benefit pension plan.

15. . The method of claim 12, wherein the life insurance policy is a variable life insurance policy and the annuity policy is a variable annuity policy.

16.   The method of claim 12, further comprising:

(d)   electronically generating a software illustration associated with the selected policy based on information received from at least one remotely located processor that processed the actuarial data.

17.   The method of claim 12, wherein the defined benefit pension plan is a variable 412(i) defined benefit pension plan which includes the selected policy and the separate agreement.

18.   The method of claim 12, further comprising:

(d)   allocating funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan between a General Account and a Variable Account.

19.   A system for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable life insurance contracts, the system comprising:

(a)   at least one user interface for entering actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan; and

(b)   at least one processor that receives the actuarial data from the user interface and, in response, electronically generates a defined benefit pension plan that includes:

(i)   a variable life insurance policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(ii)   a separate agreement that extra-contractually modifies the variable life insurance policy.

20.   A system for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable life insurance contracts, the system comprising:

(a)   at least one user interface for entering actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan; and

(b)   at least one processor that receives the actuarial data from the user interface and, in response, electronically generates a defined benefit pension plan that includes:

(i)   a variable life insurance policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(ii)   a separate agreement that defines the terms under which the variable life insurance policy is to be used in the defined benefit pension plan.

21.   A system for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable annuity contracts, the system comprising:

(a)   at least one user interface for entering actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan; and

(b)   at least one processor that receives the actuarial data from the user interface and, in response, electronically generates a defined benefit pension plan that includes:

(i)   a variable annuity policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(ii)   a separate agreement that extra-contractually modifies the variable annuity policy.

22.   A system for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using variable annuity contracts, the system comprising:

(a)   at least one user interface for entering actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan; and

(b)   at least one processor that receives the actuarial data from the user interface and, in response, electronically generates a defined benefit pension plan that includes:

(i)   a variable annuity policy used to fund the defined benefit pension plan; and

(ii)   a separate agreement that defines the terms under which the variable annuity policy is to be used in the defined benefit pension plan.

23.   A system for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using at least one of life insurance contracts and annuity contracts, the system comprising:

(a)   at least one user interface for entering actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan; and

(b)   at least one processor that receives the actuarial data from the user interface and, in response, electronically generates a defined benefit pension plan that includes:

(i)   at least one policy, selected from the group including a life insurance policy and an annuity policy; and

(ii)   a separate agreement that extra-contractually modifies the selected policy.

24.   The system of claim 23, wherein a negotiated guaranteed rate of return is determined for the defined benefit pension plan by the processor.

25.   The system of claim 24, wherein, after a predetermined period of time, the processor determines whether earnings based on funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan exceed the guaranteed rate of return, and if so, an "actual earnings" parameter is set to determine future contributions to the defined benefit pension plan.

26.   The system of claim 23, wherein the life insurance policy is a variable life insurance policy and the annuity policy is a variable annuity policy.

27.   The system of claim 23, wherein the processor electronically generates a software illustration associated with the selected policy based on information received from at least one remotely located processor that processed the actuarial data.

28.   The system of claim 23, wherein the defined benefit pension plan is a variable 412(i) defined benefit pension plan which includes the selected policy and the separate agreement.

29.   The system of claim 23, wherein funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan are allocated between a General Account and a Variable Account.

30.   A system for creating a defined benefit pension plan funded using at least one of life insurance contracts and annuity contracts, the system comprising:

(a)   at least one user interface for entering actuarial data used to create the defined benefit pension plan; and

(b)   at least one processor that receives the actuarial data from the user interface and, in response, electronically generates a defined benefit pension plan that includes:

(i)   at least one policy, selected from the group including a life insurance policy and an annuity policy; and

(ii)   a separate agreement that defines the terms under which the selected policy is to be used in the defined benefit pension plan.

31.   The system of claim 30, wherein a negotiated guaranteed rate of return is determined for the defined benefit pension plan by the processor.

32.   The system of claim 31, wherein, after a predetermined period of time, the processor determines whether earnings based on funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan exceed the guaranteed rate of return, and if so, an "actual earnings" parameter is set to determine future contributions to the defined benefit pension plan.

33.   The system of claim 30, wherein the life insurance policy is a variable life insurance policy and the annuity policy is a variable annuity policy.

34.   The system of claim 30, wherein the processor electronically generates a software illustration associated with the selected policy based on information received from at least one remotely located processor that processed the actuarial data.

35.   The system of claim 30, wherein the defined benefit pension plan is a variable 412(i) defined benefit pension plan which includes the selected policy and the separate agreement.

36.   The system of claim 30, wherein funds contributed to the defined benefit pension plan are allocated between a General Account and a Variable Account.